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Fish and Wildlife Service

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Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Initiation of 5-Year Reviews of 19

Northeastern Species

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of initiation of reviews; request for information.

SUMMARY: We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), are initiating 5-year reviews under the Endangered Species Act, as amended (ESA), for 19 northeastern species. A 5-year review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review. We are requesting submission of any such information that has become available since the previous 5-year review for each species.

DATES: To ensure consideration, please submit your written information by [INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER PUBLICATION IN THE *FEDERAL REGISTER*]. However, we will continue to accept new information about any listed species at any time.

ADDRESSES: For instructions on how and where to submit information, see **Request for Information** and **Table 2—Contacts** under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information regarding a particular species, contact the appropriate person or office listed in **Table 2—Contacts** in

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION. For general information, contact Mary Parkin, by U.S. mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, MA 01035; by telephone at 617–417–3331; or by electronic mail at mary_parkin@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We, the Service, are initiating 5-year reviews under the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) for 19 northeastern species: the endangered sandplain gerardia, roseate tern (northeastern North American population), Roanoke logperch, Virginia big-eared bat, dwarf wedgemussel, northern riffleshell, clubshell, purple bean, Peter's Mountain mallow, Furbish's lousewort, and northeastern bulrush, and the threatened Puritan tiger beetle, northeastern beach tiger beetle, flat-spined three-toothed (=Cheat) snail, Chittenango ovate amber snail, bog turtle (northern population), American hart's-tongue fern, Knieskern's beaked-rush, and Virginia sneezeweed.

A 5-year review is based on the best scientific and commercial data available at the time of the review. We are requesting submission of any such information that has become available since the most recent status review for each species.

Why Do We Conduct 5-Year Reviews and Species Status Assessments?

Under the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), we maintain Lists of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (which we collectively refer to as the List). Listed wildlife and plants can be found at http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/pub/listedAnimals.jsp and http://ecos.fws.gov/tess_public/pub/listedPlants.jsp, respectively. Section 4(c)(2)(A) of the ESA requires us to review each listed species' status at least once every 5 years. Our regulations at 50 CFR 424.21 require that we publish a notice in the *Federal Register* announcing species under active review. For additional information about 5-year reviews, refer to our fact sheet at <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/what-we-do/recovery-overview.html>.

What Species Are Under Review?

We are initiating 5-year status reviews of the species in table 1.

Table 1—Species Under Review

Common name	Scientific name	Status	Where listed	Listing date and citation
ANIMALS				
Roseate tern	<i>Sterna dougallii dougallii</i>	Endangered	Northeastern North American population (CT, ME, MA, NJ, NY, NC, RI, VA)	52 FR 42064; 11/02/1987
Roanoke logperch	<i>Percina rex</i>	Endangered	Wherever found	54 FR 34468; 08/18/1989
Virginia big-eared bat	<i>Corynorhinus (=plecotus) townsendii virginianus</i>	Endangered	Wherever found	44 FR 69206; 11/30/1979
Dwarf wedgemussel	<i>Alasmidonta heterodon</i>	Endangered	Wherever found	55 FR 9447; 03/14/1990
Northern riffleshell	<i>Epioblasma torulosa rangiana</i>	Endangered	Wherever found	58 FR 5638; 01/22/1993
Clubshell	<i>Pleurobema clava</i>	Endangered	Wherever found	58 FR 5638; 01/22/1993
Purple bean	<i>Villosa perpurpurea</i>	Endangered	Wherever found	62 FR 1647; 01/10/1997
Puritan tiger beetle	<i>Cicindela puritana</i>	Threatened	Wherever found	55 FR 32088; 08/07/1990
Northeastern beach tiger beetle	<i>Cicindela dorsalis dorsalis</i>	Threatened	Wherever found	55 FR 32088; 08/07/1990
Flat-spined three-toothed (=Cheat) snail	<i>Triodopsis platysayoides</i>	Threatened	Wherever found	43 FR 28932; 07/03/1978
Chittenango ovate amber snail	<i>Novisuccinea chittenangoensis</i>	Threatened	Wherever found	43 FR 28932; 07/03/1978
Bog turtle	<i>Glyptemys [= Clemmys]</i>	Threatened	Northern population (CT, DE, MD, MA,	62 FR 59605; 11/04/1997

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PLANTS				
Sandplain gerardia	<i>Agalinis acuta</i>	Endangered	Wherever found	53 FR 34701; 09/07/1988
Peter's Mountain mallow	<i>Iliamna corei</i>	Endangered	Wherever found	56 FR 32978; 07/18/1991
Furbish's lousewort	<i>Pedicularis furbishiae</i>	Endangered	Wherever found	51 FR 17343; 05/12/1986
Northeastern bulrush	<i>Scirpus ancistrochaetus</i>	Endangered	Wherever found	56 FR 21091; 05/07/1991
American hart's- tongue fern	<i>Asplenium scolopendrium var. americanum</i>	Threatened	Wherever found	54 FR 29726; 07/14/1989
Knieskern's beaked-rush	<i>Rhynchospora knieskernii</i>	Threatened	Wherever found	56 FR 32978; 07/18/1991
Virginia sneezeweed	<i>Helenium virginicum</i>	Threatened	Wherever found	63 FR 59239; 11/03/1998

What Information Do We Consider in Our 5-Year Reviews and SSAs?

A 5-year review considers all new information available at the time of the review. In conducting the review, we consider the best scientific and commercial data that have become available since the most recent status review. We are seeking new information specifically regarding:

- (1) Species biology, including but not limited to life history and habitat requirements and impact tolerance thresholds;
- (2) Historical and current population conditions, including but not limited to population abundance, trends, distribution, demographics, and genetics;
- (3) Historical and current habitat conditions, including but not limited to amount, distribution, and suitability;

(4) Historical and current threats, threat trends, and threat projections in relation to the five listing factors (as defined in section 4(a)(1) of the ESA);

(5) Conservation measures for the species that have been implemented or are planned; and

(6) Other new information, data, or corrections, including but not limited to taxonomic or nomenclatural changes, identification of erroneous information contained in the List, and improved analytical methods.

Any new information received will be considered during the 5-year review and will also be useful in evaluating ongoing recovery programs for the species.

Request for New Information

To ensure that 5-year reviews are based on the best available scientific and commercial information, we request new information from all sources. If you submit information, please support it with documentation such as maps, bibliographic references, methods used to gather and analyze the data, and/or copies of any pertinent publications, reports, or letters by knowledgeable sources.

How Do I Ask Questions or Provide Information?

Please submit your questions, comments, and materials to the appropriate contact in table 2. Individuals who are hearing impaired or speech impaired may call the Federal Relay Service at 800-877-8339 for TTY assistance.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, electronic mail address, or other personal identifying information in your submission, you should be aware that your entire submission—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. Although you can request that personal information be withheld from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the offices where the information is submitted.

Contacts

New information on the species covered in this notice should be submitted by mail or electronic mail to the appropriate contact person within the timeframe provided in **DATES**.

Table 2—Contacts

Species	Contact person, phone, email	Contact address
Roseate tern	Susi von Oettingen, 603-223-2541, extension 22, susi_vonoettingen@fws.gov	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New England Field Office, 70 Commercial Street, Suite 300, Concord, NH 03301
Chittenango ovate amber snail	Robyn Niver, 607-299-0620, robyn_niver@fws.gov	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New York Field Office, 3817 Luker Road, Cortland, NY 13045
Roanoke logperch	Sumalee Hoskin, 804-824-2414, sumalee_hoskin@fws.gov	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Virginia Field Office, 6669 Short Lane, Gloucester, VA 23061
Virginia big-eared bat	Barbara Douglas, 304-636-6586, extension 19, barbara_douglas@fws.gov	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, West Virginia Field Office, 694 Beverly Pike, Elkins, WV 26241
Dwarf wedgemussel	Sandra Doran, 607-753-9334, extension 0586,	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New York Field Office, 3817

	sandra_doran@fws.gov	Luker Road, Cortland, NY 13045
Northern riffleshell	Robert Anderson, 814-234-4090, extension 7447, robert_m_anderson@fws.gov	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pennsylvania Field Office, 110 Radnor Road, Suite 101, State College, PA 16801
Clubshell	Robert Anderson, 814-234-4090, extension 7447, robert_m_anderson@fws.gov	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pennsylvania Field Office, 110 Radnor Road, Suite 101, State College, PA 16801
Purple bean	Jordan Richard, 276 623-1233, extension 15, jordan_richard@fws.gov	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Southwestern Virginia Field Office, 330 Cummings Street, Abingdon, VA 24210
Puritan tiger beetle	Cherry Keller, 410 573-4532, cherry_keller@fws.gov	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Chesapeake Bay Field Office, 177 Admiral Cochrane Drive, Annapolis, MD 21401
Northeastern beach tiger beetle	Jennifer Stanhope, 804-824-2408, jennifer_stanhope@fws.gov	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Virginia Field Office, 6669 Short Lane, Gloucester, VA 23061
Flat-spined three-toothed snail (Cheat snail)	Barbara Douglas, 304-636-6586, extension 19, barbara_douglas@fws.gov	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, West Virginia Field Office, 694 Beverly Pike, Elkins, WV 26241
Bog turtle	Noelle Rayman-Metcalf, 607-753-9334, noelle_rayman@fws.gov	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New York Field Office, 3817 Luker Road, Cortland, NY 13045
Sandplain gerardia	Steve Sinkevich, 631-286-0485, steve_sinkevich@fws.gov	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Long Island Field Office, 340 Smith Road, Shirley, NY 11967
Peter's Mountain mallow	Jennifer Stanhope, 804-824-2408, jennifer_stanhope@fws.gov	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Virginia Field Office, 6669 Short Lane, Gloucester, VA 23061
Furbish's lousewort	Mark McCollough, 207-902-1570, mark_mccollough@fws.gov	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Maine Fish and Wildlife Service Complex, Maine Field

		Office, P.O. Box A, East Orland, ME 04431
Northeastern bulrush	Melinda Turner, 814-234-4090, extension 7449, melinda_turner@fws.gov	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pennsylvania Field Office, 110 Radnor Road, Suite 101, State College, PA 16801
American hart's-tongue fern	John Wiley, 607-753-9334, john_wiley@fws.gov	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New York Field Office, 3817 Luker Road, Cortland, NY 13045
Knieskern's beaked-rush	Ron Popowski, 609-241-7065, ron_popowski@fws.gov	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, New Jersey Field Office, 4 East Jimmie Leeds Road, Suite 4, Galloway, NJ 08205
Virginia sneezeweed	Jennifer Stanhope, 804-824-2408, jennifer_stanhope@fws.gov	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Virginia Field Office, 6669 Short Lane, Gloucester, VA 23061

Authority

We publish this document under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

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